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REPLY TO THE EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Sir:

Applicants respectfully point out that the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance are understood to be predicated upon consideration of each of the claims as a whole, and not upon any specific element or elements of the claims. Applicants courteously point out that this understanding is in accordance with decisions of the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. *In re Dillon*, 919 F.2d 688, 16 USPQ2d 1897, at 1902 (Fed. Cir. 1990)(*in banc*), *Symbol*

Technologies, Inc. v. Opticon, Inc., 935 F.2d 1569, 19 USPQ2d 1241 (Fed. Cir. 1991).

If the Examiner believes that Applicants' understanding is incorrect and the Examiner's Reasons for Allowance are not predicated upon consideration of each claim as a whole, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reply to the undersigned in writing concerning this matter.

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Sir:

Attached hereto are 12 sheets of formal drawings containing Figures 1-9. Each of these formal drawings are marked with the label "Replacement Sheet" in the header, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121(d). No substantive changes have been made to these formal drawings that have not already been approved by the Examiner.

Applicants respectfully ask for the draftsperson's approval of these formal drawings.

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